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In re the Application of : José MURILO MOURÃO et al.

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For

"METHOD TO INCREASE THE ADHERENCE OF

COATING MATERIALS ON FERROUS

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Assistant Commissioner of Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Prior to examination please amend the application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the following claims:

Claim 5, lines 1 and 2, change "any one of claims 1 or 2 or 3 or 4" to --claim 1--.

Claim 16, line 1, change "according to claims 1 or 15" to --claim 1--.

REMARKS

This amendment is being submitted to avoid improper multiple dependent claims.

Favorable consideration is respectfully solicited.

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Respectfully submitted,

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